



Things to do at the Gulf

Spa/Hair services

[Nou'Veau Day Spa](#)

3501 Palm South Center
Gulf Shores Parkway/Hwy 59
Gulf Shores, Alabama 36542
P 251.948.2091

<http://www.nouveaudayspa.com/index.html>

[The Spa of Eden](#)

Bayou Village
Hwy 59 at Windmill Ridge Rd.
Gulf Shores, Alabama, USA
Phone: (251) 981-8600

<http://www.spaofeden.com>

[The Beach Club Spa](#)

251-540-2SPA
Fort Morgan

<http://www.beachclubal.com>

Skin care, massages, body therapies, waxing, manicures, pedicures, salon packages

[Anthony Jones/British Hair Designer](#)

(251) 974-1514
23175 Perdido Beach Blvd
Orange Beach, AL 36561

Shopping

[Tanger Outlet Center](#)

2601 S. McKenzie
Suite RC-1
Foley, AL 36535-3431
(251) 943-9303

Website: www.tangeroutlet.com

The ultimate in outlet shopping! Discover the best brand names and guaranteed low prices at over 120 outlet stores including Gap Outlet, Polo, Banana Republic, Tommy Hilfiger and more!

<http://www.tangeroutlet.com>

[San Roc Cay shopping and restaurants](#)

27267 Perdido Beach Blvd Ste 300
27267 Perdido Beach Blvd
Orange Beach, AL 36561
(251) 981-7263

Toll Free: (888) 386-4853

Website: www.sanrocay.com

Dock store, gift shops, permanent/transient slips, showers, phones, underground parking, charter fleet private/walk-ons. Restaurants Louisiana Lagniappe, Grazie, Deli, Jumbo's Grill.

[Eastern Shore Centre](#)

30500 State Hwy 181 Ste 451
Spanish Fort, AL 36527
(251) 625-0060

Website: www.easternshorecentre.com

Visit Eastern Shore Centre and stroll through delightfully landscaped streets to meet friends and family for an open-air musical performance at the community courtyard, browse the shops for the latest fashions or relax in the community courtyard and enjoy the dancing water fountain.

Parks, Nature & Museums

Gulf State Park

20115 State Hwy 135

Gulf Shores, AL 36542

(251) 948-7275

Toll Free: (800) ALA-PARK

This Gulf Coast gem boasts 6,000 acres of land with 2.5 miles of beach, fresh water lake, nature trails, and beach pavilion.

Historic Blakeley State Park

33707 State Hwy. 225

Spanish Fort, AL 36577-7279

(251) 626-0798

Website: www.blakeleypark.org

Visit the site of the last major battle of the Civil War. Enjoy 10 1/2 miles of hiking and bike trails, camping and a serene boardwalk next to the Tensaw River.

The Estuarium at The Dauphin Island Sea Lab

101 Bienville Boulevard

Dauphin Island, AL 36528

(251) 861-7500

Website: estuarium.disl.org

Open daily. Admission charged and group rates available. Handicapped accessible. Visual displays and interactive exhibits highlight Mobile's estuary system. All ages welcome!

Dauphin Island Bird Sanctuary

109 Bienville Blvd

Dauphin Island, AL 36528

(251) 861-2120

Website: www.dauphinisland.org

The sanctuary consists of 164 acres of maritime forest. Multiple walking trails allow the birder miles of habitat for neotropical migrants.

Wildland Expeditions

251-460-8206

Theodore, AL

Swamp tours

Weeks Bay Nat'l Estuarine Research Reserve

11300 Hwy 98

Fairhope, AL 36532

(251) 928-9792

Website: www.weeksbay.org

Estuarine research and education center. Protects 6,000 acres of coastal habitats and wetlands, including an estuary. Interpretive Center houses indoor exhibits and a live animal room.

Biophilia Nature Center, Native Nursery & Bookstore

12695 County Road 95

Elberta, AL 36530

(251) 987-1200

Website: www.biophilia.net

Come see carnivorous plants, wildflowers, plant and butterfly nurseries, turtles, forests, and nature library/bookstore with the resident biologist of this private 20-acre ecological restoration project

Bon Secour Wildlife refuge

12295 State Hwy. 180

Gulf Shores, AL 36542

(251) 540-7720

Website: bonsecour.fws.gov

Refuge has 4-5 miles of hiking trails and beach access. Open from sunrise to sunset. Office hours: 7:30am-4:00pm Monday-Friday.

Fort Gaines Historic Site

51 Bienville Boulevard

Dauphin Island, AL 36528

(251) 861-6992

Website: www.dauphinisland.org

Where History spans 3 centuries. Open seven days a week, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission: Adult, \$5.00, Children 5-12 \$ 2.50.

Fort Morgan

51 State Highway 180 West

Gulf Shores, AL 36542

(251) 540-7125

Email: bricfort@gulftel.com

At 6:30 a.m. on August 5, 1864, Union Admiral Farragut's fleet started its run into Mobile Bay between Forts Morgan and Gaines. Suddenly, in hellish sheets of flame, the guns lashed out from Morgan's walls. The Battle of Mobile Bay was on. Despite Morgan's withering fire, the Union fleet managed to run the gauntlet into Mobile Bay and out of range of Morgan's guns. The siege of Fort Morgan lasted for nearly three more weeks before the fort fell into Union hands on August 23. Site of defenses in War of 1812, The Civil War, Spanish American War, World Wars I and II

Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center

65 Government Street

Mobile, AL 36633

(251) 208-6883

Toll Free: (877) 625-4FUN

Website: www.exploreum.net

Hands-on, interactive science adventure for all ages! With permanent exhibits, traveling exhibits from major science centers and the IMAX Dome experience, it's a playground for the mind!

Gulf Shores Museum

244 West 19th Avenue

Gulf Shores, AL 36547

(251) 967-4733

Email: museum@ci.gulf-shores.al.us

Journey into the eye of a hurricane: "fly" with the Hurricane Hunters in an exciting video. Visit Fishing the Lagoon: A Way of Life. See gear used to fish and shrimp on the Gulf Coast and in Little Lagoon. Select a weather video from our collection to view. Special exhibits, films and other events offered throughout the year. Free admission

Claude Peteet Mariculture Center/Marine Resources Division

21055 Mildred Casey Drive

Gulf Shores, AL 36547

(251) 968-7576

Website: www.outdooralabama.com/fishing/saltwater/

The center conducts studies and research that enhance our understanding of the life history of red snapper, various finfish and shrimp.

Bellingrath Gardens and Home

12401 Bellingrath Rd

Theodore, AL 36582

(251) 973-2217

Toll Free: (800) 247-8420

Website: www.bellingrath.org

A 65 acre lushly landscaped garden and museum home with all the charm and beauty of the Old South. Located on lovely and tranquil Fowl River. A spectacular must see for the garden lover!

Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo

251-968-5731

Gulf Shores

<http://www.alabamagulfcoastzoo.com>

Discover, explore and get up close and personal with more than 250 exotic animals and birds

Kayak Safari

4100 Harbor Road

Orange Beach, AL 36561

(251) 981-1FUN (1386)

Website: www.kayakingsafari.com

Meaher State Park

5200 Battleship Parkway US 98

Spanish Fort, AL 36577

(251) 626-5529

Situated in the wetlands of Mobile Bay, this 1,327-acre park features two self-guided nature trails that highlight the flora & fauna of this unique area.

Minamac Wildflower Bog & Country Gardens

13199 Mac Cartee Lane

Silverhill, AL 36576

(251) 945-6157

Website: www.auburn.edu/awac/places/minimac.htm

From early April through September, over 300 varieties of native Southern wildflowers bloom in this five-acre preserve.

USS ALABAMA Battleship Memorial Park

2703 Battleship Parkway

Mobile, AL 36601-0065

(251) 433-2703

Toll Free: (800) GANGWAY

Website: www.ussalabama.com

Features the Battleship U.S.S. ALABAMA, the Submarine U.S.S. DRUM, military aircraft and equipment, an audiovisual theater, concessions and a gift shop.

National Museum of Naval Aviation

1750 Bradford Blvd Ste B

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NAS Pensacola, FL 32508

(850) 453-2389

Toll Free: (800) 327-5002

Website: www.naval-air.org

Naval Aviation transcends both time and space, from wood and fabric biplanes, to the frontiers of space. The Museum captures Naval Aviation's heritage and brings its story of challenge, ingenuity, and courage to you!

Orange Beach Indian & Sea Museum

25850 John M. Snook Avenue

Orange Beach, AL 36561

(251) 981-8545

Open Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The museum houses local artifacts and memorabilia relating to our Native American and fishing heritage. Families of early fisherman have donated supplies and collectibles that make us mindful of the challenges and achievements in the early days of our fishing industry.

The American Sport Art Museum and Archives (ASAMA)

One Academy Drive

Daphne, AL 36526

(251) 626-3303

Website: www.asama.org

Dedicated to the preservation of sports history, art and literature. Gallery hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Free and open to the public

Fun After Hours

Lulu's at Homeport

On the Intercoastal off Hwy 59

200 East 25th

Gulf Shores AL

251-967-LULU

<http://lulubuffett.com/>

Jimmy Buffet's sis hosts a great day or night spot for fun!

Live Bait Food & Spirits and Live Bait Too!

24281 Perdido Beach Blvd

Date: 3/31/2005 - 4/1/2005

Time: 9:00 p.m.

Web Site: www.livebaitrestaurant.com

Phone: (251) 974-1612

Horseback Riding

Lakewood Stables

334-945-6711

Fairhope

Trail rides, Pony rides, Group Parties, Monthly leasing, Boarding, Lessons

Seahorse Stables

251-971-RIDE

Foley

Trail rides, birthday parties, hayrides, cookouts, group rates, Open Year Round

Miscellaneous

Ike's Beach Service, Inc.

251-948-3757

Fort Morgan, Gulf Shores, Orange Beach

<http://www.ikesbeachservice.com>

Aqua trampolines, Rock Climbing Wall, wave runners, hobie cats, kayaks, beach chair and accessory rentals

Surfside Photography

251-948-5597

Gulf Shores

Fast, affordable and easy, view your photos online within just a few days

Casino Shuttle

251-943-2745

Gulf Shores

www.casinoshuttles.com

Shuttle to Biloxi, MS

Landmark Tours

26 Hoffren Drive

Fairhope, AL 36533

(251) 928-0207

Website: www.landmarktours.com

Fun bus tours. Day trips to area historical, nature, and whimsical sites. Antebellum mansions, dune hikes, shopping junkets, great restaurants, and more.

Mobile Bay Ferry

400 W Roman St

51 State Highway 180 West

Pensacola, FL 32501

(251) 540-7787

Vehicle/passenger ferry operating between Dauphin Island and Fort Morgan. Daily departures every 1 1/2 hours.